FREMONT

PLANNING A City of Fremont downtown study has been completed which identifies a development vision, which includes housing near the BART station, mixed use retail/entertainment at the "hub" at the west end, and a high-density office and medical core in between.

DEVELOPMENT Fremont's first "Smart Transit" project, Benton at Civic Center (322 apartments, 18 lofts and 15,000 square feet of commercial space) was constructed adjacent to the BART station. The project opened in 2003. The Fremont station area market continues to remain strong for high-density transit-oriented housing while the current opportunities for commercial office appear to have diminished.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS At Fremont there are several spaces reserved for electric rental vehicles available through the Hertz station car program. At this time the number of spaces appears to be consistent with customer demand.

Staff partnered with the City and installed new station pathfinder signs that will improve customers' ability to locate the BART station. Forty-eight new bike racks have been installed and this station is undergoing the installation of new, ADA-compliant platform edge tiles in early 2004.